

## DIARY

### 2013

January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Fish Competition - Dover
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Meeting - Folkestone
March 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup>	English Species (Flatfish), Weymouth
April 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> (TBC)	European Species (Tuna), Italy
July 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup>	English Boat, Plymouth.
August 3 <sup>rd</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup>	European Boat & Line Class Championships – Elsinore, Denmark.
Sept/Oct (TBA)	English Shore, Chesil
Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> /Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	European Game, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> /Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	European Shore Championship, Heinkensand, Holland.

### 2014

April/May	English Species (Rays), Sheerness
August	European Boat and Line, Weymouth
TBA	European Species, Iceland
Sept/Oct	English Boat

**Annual General Meeting to be held at the Grand Burstin Hotel, Folkestone  
On Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00**

**Agenda**

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2012.**
- 3. Matters arising.**
- 4. Executive Officer's Reports.**
  - a) Chairman; N. Bryant.
  - b) Secretary; K. Bowden.
  - c) Treasurer; P. Hart.
  - d) Membership Registrar; G.Galbraith.
  - e) Fish Recorder; R. Ashby, Report by N. Bryant
  - f) Public Relations Officer; J. Whippy.
  - g) Boat Festival Officer; A. Selby.
  - h) Shore Festival Officer; P. Curtice
  - i) Press Officer; M Bobbett
  - j) Social Secretary. M. Osborne
  - k) Competitions Coordinator; K. Scaggs
  - l) Standing Committee Delegate K. Bowden.
- 5. Report on Championships/Festivals during 2012.**
  - a) Flounder Competition – Poole
  - b) English Specie – Langstone
  - c) English Shore Championship – Dover
  - d) English Boat Championship – Poole

- e) European Species Championship – Ireland
- f) European Shore Championship – Iceland
- g) European Boat and Line Class Championships – Norway

**6. Election of Officers. (All 3 year terms unless otherwise stated)**

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| a. Chairman                | 3 year term | Nominee - | N. Bryant  |
| b. Fish Recorder           | 3 year term | Nominee - | R. Ashby   |
| c. Public Relation Officer | 3 year term | Nominee - | J. Whippy  |
| b. Social Secretary        | 3 year term | Nominee - | M. Osborne |

**7. Election of Honorary Auditor.**

1 yr term - Nominee/s      Mr J. Knight

**8. Events for 2013.**

- a) Fun Competition
- b) EFSA Species Championship
- c) English Boat Championship
- d) European Boat and Line Class Championships
- e) European Shore Championship
- f) English Species Festival
- g) English Shore Championship
- h) European Game Championship
- i) Shore Championship of the British Isles

**9. Special Business.**

None notified

**10. Presentation of Fish of the Year Awards – Andy Selby**

**10. Annual General Meeting 2014.**

## FISH RECORDERS REPORT

Here we are, nearly at the end of another year. Entries over all have been slightly down on last year, probably due to the abysmal weather we have had this year.

Nonetheless, we have entries for most of the Boat and Shore categories and some fine fish have once again been registered.

In a few weeks time my adventures 'down under' will find me out of the UK from 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec to 18<sup>th</sup> January and at our last Meeting it was agreed to close the 2012 'Fish of the Year' awards as at the end of October 2012. This will allow Members to register fish up to the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and allow me time to contact the respective winners and organise trophies prior to my departure on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any fish registered in November and December will be carried forward into 2013.

This is not a satisfactory situation and we have had to do this on a few occasions already in the past few years. Also, it will become an increasing problem in the future as I intend spending more time in OZ with the family at this time of year.

Although not urgent, the 'feelers' should be put out now for someone to take over the role of Fish Recorder. A discussion point at the AGM perhaps. I am still willing to remain on committee and attend as many meetings as I can and I will give whatever support is needed to whoever takes over the role. So if there is anyone who would like to take on this position, or even just discuss it at this stage please give me a call (phone no. at front of Newsletter).

In the meantime, the current list of this year's front runners for the Fish of the Year awards is as shown below

### Boat

Bass	D.Lynes	PM	D	10lb 2oz
Black Bream	B.Short	PM	D	3lb 14oz
Cod	R.Whitewood	W/Wight	E	25lb 3oz
Conger	M.Roberts	BCC	F	90lb
Flounder	T.Spencer (Jnr)	PM	D	2lb 4oz
Plaice	K.Sampson	PM	D	6lb 1/2oz
Pollack	E.Elgar	Bisley	C	11lb 8oz
Ray – Blonde	K.Sampson	PM	D	31lb 8oz
Smoothound	A.Currier	PM	E	18lb 12oz
Whiting	G.Thorner	W/Wight	E	3lb 4oz
Wrasse (Ballan)	M.Pickford	Portland	D	6lb 2 oz
Other (by %)	D.Lynes (spurdog)	PM	D	20lb 14oz (174%)

## **Norman Witt Trophy – Best catch of the year**

### **Junior Fish of the Year**

Black Bream	Sam Short	PM	D (boat)	3lb 8oz (100%)
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### **Overseas Fish of the Year**

Cod	R.Russell	PM	Norway (boat)	
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### **Conger Club Tankard**

	M.Roberts	BCC	Brighton (90lb)	
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### **Shore**

Bass	C.Griffiths	W/Wight	E	7lb 12.1/2oz
Black Bream	P.Dixon	Portland	D	3lb 1oz
Cod				
Conger	J.McKeen	W/Wight	E	25lb 3 oz
Flounder	D.McCune	PM	D	2lb 8oz
Plaice				
Pollack	P.Dixon	Portland	D	2lb 9oz
Mullet (all by %)				
Smoothound	A.Bennett	W/Wight	E	10lb 11.1/2oz
Whiting	D.Lovell	PM	D	3lb 4.1/2oz
Wrasse (Ballan)	C.Hayne	Portland	D	5lb 12oz
Other (by %)	M.Cassell	W/Wight	E	42lb 7oz Sting Ray

Ray Ashby  
Fish Recorder

## **EFSA European Shore Angling Championships 2012 – Akureyri Iceland**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 9 English Anglers and 1 English supporter boarded a plane to Iceland. Departing from London Heathrow bound for Reykjavik, Iceland. The baggage all booked in and £46 handed over for the “Sports Baggage” ensuring that each angler could transport rod tubes and boxes!! The flight and subsequent teeny-weeny airways connecting flight from Reykjavik to Akureyri went without any real dramas. We were advised to look out for a big orange truck when we arrived at Akureyri airport and we wondered what exactly this would mean!

The HQ hotel was located a few miles outside of Akureyri at Svalbarosstrond. It was a complex of blocks providing over 50 rooms with the meals and bar in the main building. It was basic but warm and dry with friendly hosts. Meal choice was limited to a fixed buffet style menu but was adequate for most tastes with breakfast being the most popular meal as most people seemed to refuel and ensure a snack made up for later in the day!!

The first day for us was Monday and Helgi along with his fellow EFSA Iceland hosts were kind enough to arrange bait and a lift to a fishing mark a few miles away for our anglers to sample the fishing in Iceland. We spent 4 hours pulling in good-sized dabs and codling with an odd larger fish. The fishing for some was amazing and in a few hours some 20 – 30 good-sized fish landed. Most of us seemed to be using a variation of a 2-hook paternoster with size 2/0 hooks on heavy mono snoods of 40 – 50LB, which did not deter the fish! Having tried out and got used to lashing on frozen “blueys” for bait it was soon time to return to the hotel and clean up for the evening registration and drawing of zones.

The organizing committee welcomed all the anglers to the registration night on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> where the Chairman Skarphedinn Asbjornsson, thanked all along with Phil Lustig (EFSA Shore Festival Officer) for making the long journey to Iceland. The Mayor of Akureyri gave an interesting history and insight to the background of the town. The welcome speeches delivered it was time to get on with the draw. As usual this process seemed to go on forever but we came out at the other end with our goody bags and match cards in hand.

Tuesday Day 1 anglers boarded a bus for Akureyri. The bus was loaded in reasonable order mainly thanks to Mathew Lustig (EFSA Wales) who made sure that tackle was loaded in zone order!! Anglers were dropped off on the outskirts of the town on a long section of beach alongside the road entering the town. The organizing committee had already got the pegs and fish boxes complete with large bag of frozen “blueys” in place. The match started at 3pm with a finish in darkness at 8pm. Having sampled what the fishing could be like all of the English anglers were relishing the challenge. Big bags of cod and flatfish were expected and talk of filling the fish boxes was the norm amongst the huddles of anglers awaiting the start of the match! Well of course things never quite go the way you think and when we all got back to the bus at the end of the match and compared notes catches were well down on the expectation. It became clear that some

pegs produced very good bags where others really struggled. Zones A and B had the best of the fishing which got progressively worse towards zone E. Charlie Neale of Gibraltar

took the lead after the first day with his 32 fish haul in Zone A. Best English result was Dave Clark who was the winner of Zone B. New EFSA England member David Evans had a great start with 3<sup>rd</sup> in Zone B. As a team we were lying at a disappointing 9<sup>th</sup> place, which was a disastrous start and was an enormous mountain to climb!

The next day was a rest day so what does most of the English party do – go fishing of course. Bitterly cold Northerly wind blowing up the Fjord did not make for comfortable fishing but an afternoon spent on the dock side in Akureyri was very productive with Paull Curtice, Reg Clough, Dave Lovelock all catching consistently throughout with Cod, Dabs and Coalfish making up the bags. Dabs were an average 1.5 LBs with Cod and Coalfish landed to 10 LB. Joined by Scottish and Welsh anglers we enjoyed some fantastic fishing which helped get over the poor results of the day before!!!

Thursday and match day 2 was some distance up the Fjord. The venue was a pebble beach backed by a protective dyke of rocks. We were advised by our hosts that a bank of tackle grabbing kelp lay in wait a short distance out so some anglers decided to fish up high on the rocks. Fishing the last of the ebb and then up towards the top of the tide produced a lot of fish in the first hour and then again towards the end of the match with quiet period mid match. At the end it was clear that English Anglers had done better with Reg Clough winning his zone, Paull Curtice and Dave Lovelock managing 4<sup>th</sup> in each of their zones. Back at the HQ Hotel that evening talk was of large fish lost in the kelp and again the peggy nature of the beach with some spots producing 20 plus fish with pegs either side with a handful of fish. Quality Coalfish, Cod and Dabs again made up the bags with some Wolf Fish and Starry Rays making the occasional appearance.

Friday and match day 3 was to be fished around the dock area of Akureyri. As many anglers had fished in the area of the docks set aside for practice with good results this was likely to be a good day. The only problem being the weather, which had definitely taken a turn for the worse. Strong Northerly wind with some rain made conditions uncomfortable for anglers in exposed areas. The match got under way and again quality fish were being landed within minutes of the start. Cod and dabs again made up the bags with coalfish, scorpion fish, rays, wolf fish, whiting and haddock all being caught across all zones. At the end the best English result was Reg Clough with a second in Zone D with Barrie Senior managing 4<sup>th</sup> in zone E.

Saturday presentation day. The English contingent had packed up the fishing gear early leaving the day for some sight seeing. Back came the “Big Orange Truck” courtesy of Extreme Iceland and our party got aboard bound for the Icelandic countryside. The country despite being volcanic has plenty of floras and fauna with snow capped hills and the much beautiful water falls cutting through the hills. We were taken to the largest waterfall in the area “Godafoss” Waterfall of the Gods.

This trip was followed by a shopping trip in Akureyri, which was an expensive experience to buy mementos and gifts for those unfortunate non-anglers back home!!

In the evening the big event. The presentation and prize giving ceremony was held in HQ Hotel with our hosts providing a generous prize table and a delicious buffet style meal washed down with beer.

The competition attracted 66 competitors with 9 International teams, and Executive team completion with 33 two man teams, 17 four man teams, 22 three man teams making sure that the Iceland organizing committee had plenty of paperwork and headaches to resolve!

The competition results:

### **Individual:**

Gold Pin winner - Derek Gregory (Wales)  
Silver Pin winner - Paul Tyndall (Eire)  
Bronze Pin winner - Charlie Dario Neale (Gibraltar)

### **International teams:**

Gold - Gibraltar  
Silver - Wales A  
Bronze - Ireland B

### **Executive teams:**

2 man winners - Charles Carreras (Gibraltar), Phil Lustig (Wales)  
3 man winners - John Kane (Eire), Hans Juergen Glaesar (Germany)  
Jerry Knight (England)  
4 man winners - Charles Lara (Gibraltar), Phil Lustig (Wales)  
Scott Brunton (Wales), John Kane (Eire)

### **Juniors:**

1<sup>st</sup> - Scott Brunton (Wales)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Daniel Tucker (Wales)



## **Seniors:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Derek Gregory (Wales)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Reg Clough (England)

## **Ladies:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Sigurlaug Hanna Leifsdottir (Iceland)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tina Lustig (Wales)

Our best performance was 12<sup>th</sup> place overall for Reg Clough. New member David Evans also had a great competition coming in at 19<sup>th</sup> place.

So came the end of the week in Iceland. A great experience with excellent hosts who tried their utmost to ensure that everyone was looked after. There were glitches with computers, weather forecasts and beaches not living up to expectations but all in all the competition was well run and an enjoyable experience for all who attended. It was unfortunate that Icelandic Airways did not fly our fishing gear back with us and worse didn't bother telling us so we had to find out when we got back to Heathrow along with competitors from Ireland, Wales, Gibraltar who were left filling in lost luggage forms! That aside, we would not have wanted to miss out on the fishing in Iceland experience.

Paul Curtice

## **EFSA BOAT COMPETITIONS 2013**

We have an exciting year in 2013 with a new venue for our AGM being the Grand Burstin Hotel in Dover and we hope to make this a real social weekend with a competition from Dover Breakwater on the Saturday and the AGM on Sunday morning. We are now liaising with the various bodies about costs of transporting anglers by boat to the breakwater and full details will be on the EFSA website.

The English Species Boat Festival will be targeting Plaice Brill and Turbot from Weymouth. Over the past two years, this period has been the most productive with the same weekend this year showing catches of 2 turbot over 30lb, many fish over 20lb and the top boat had over 100 plaice, 35 turbot and 8 Brill.

We have booked 5 top boats for this event - and that is it, as all other boats are now booked. So get your entries in quick because places will fill fast as there is a real buzz about this event already.

The English Boat event will make a welcome return to Plymouth where we hope to fish around the famous Eddystone reef catching an array of species. Again, full details of all our events will be on the EFSA England website.

Just a reminder to all anglers that places will **NOT** be reserved for anyone and all entry fees must be paid before close of entry.

## **EFSA Game Championship 2013**

**Los Cabos-Mexico-27<sup>th</sup> October/2<sup>nd</sup> November**

I now have full details for the 2013 Game Championship in Mexico, and there is a lot of it so for full details please Email me and I will send it to you.

Cost of entry per angler is \$1600US for a team of 4, \$1950US for team of 3 and \$2800US for team of 2. This will include 4 days fishing of 6 hours with lines in at 0700 hours. There is a lay-day midway when there is an optional Roosterfish Festival fishing for 4 hours at a cost of \$185US. Fishing will be in the Sea of Cortez.

The only hotel I have costs for is the HQ which is the Hotel Finisterra, located in Cobo San Lucas, [www.finisterra.com](http://www.finisterra.com). This is \$205US per night single, \$255US for double room or \$330US for a triple room. This is all-inclusive of meals, soft drinks cocktails and national wine, plus use of gym and tennis court, which you must be suitably attired for!

Closing date for English entries 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013, by which time I must have entry details and 50% of fee. The balance of entry fee required by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Kim Bowden

## **2013 Boat and Line-Class Championships**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August, Elsinore, Denmark**

The total entry cost for the five days fishing will be £489. Accommodation will be at the HQ based at the LO-school, which has been used before at this venue. The costs for accommodation from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> (9 nights) will be:

Single £936. Twin £1482. These prices include breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal

Fishing will be on large boats and all on the drift

The brochure is available to download from our website or Email me and I will mail you a copy. If you can't manage that, I do have 3 paper copies available.

Entries with full entry fee must be with me by our close of entries on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013. If members wish to stay at the LO-school, full payment must be with me by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Kim Bowden

## **2013 Species Championship.**

**San Benedetto Del Tronto, Italy 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April**

The target is Bluefin Tuna which average 50kg, but can go over 100kg. Fishing will be 3 anglers to a boat; each with a nominated rod set to fish at different depths. Each hour you move around 1 rod position and so go to fishing at a different depth. 15kg line will be used with either the boat's rod and reel, or your own rod and reel loaded with the 15kg line

We're not sure how much fishing you will get as on a hookup the other 2 anglers must reel in tackle and the one with a fish on will have a maximum of 1 hour to land the fish while the other two watch! The other rules are too much to go into here, but briefly, catch and competitor must be videoed to prove who caught it, then radio catch to control boat then chop up your trace and 10 meter of main line and bag it up to give to organisers.

Entry fee is 750Euro, which includes opening dinner, boat fees, bait and Gala dinner. Guests 90Euro for opening and Gala dinners. Hotel options are reasonable with single room in the order of 55Euro and double 90Euro B & B. The brochures with all the details are on the website or can be Emailed to you on request to me

Entries must be paid in full and with me by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Kim Bowden

## **AGM Attendance Notification.**

Please delete whichever statement does not apply.

a. This is to confirm I shall be attending the AGM and request that seating is made available.

b. This is to confirm that I shall not be attending the AGM and request that my apologies for absence are given to the meeting.

Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms should be returned by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 to:

Kim Bowden, 12 Padnell Road, Cowplain, Waterlooville Hants, PO8 8DZ.

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